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**Subject:** RE: Checking in on discussions w/OST and BLM - update from BLM

I have heard back from my BLM contact:

I just spoke with Mr. Red Cloud. He is anxious to get going with both of us and likely will set up a Zoom meeting. I am sending a letter to them tomorrow, just to say that we received their letter and comments and look forward to working with them. Nothing elaborate.

I don't think we need to contact BLM at a higher level. I will keep you up to date as we get those tech meetings schedule with OST.

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**Subject:** RE: Checking in on discussions w/OST and BLM - Dewey ~ Deliberative ~ Pre-Decisional~

Hi Darcy,

I had a call with OST last Monday to talk about a schedule for the technical meetings, expressing EPA's preference for last week. They pushed back saying 1) they needed time to review their comments since it has been nearly a year since they submitted them to us, 2) they needed to convene the group of people that worked with OST to assemble the comments and 3) they want to hear back from BLM.

I told Reno Red Cloud that Secretary Jennifer Spotted Bear set up the consultation plan and schedule with Kim, so he would need to work with Jennifer if he is proposing changes. Kim, have you heard anything from Jennifer? I will email her next to see if the Thursday meeting is still on and let her know we need to know tomorrow if Thursday's meeting is postponed.

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Thanks!

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**Subject:** Checking in on discussions w/OST and BLM - Dewey

Morning! I hope you all had a good weekend. I wanted to check in to see if the meetings we discussed with Tribe on the 28<sup>th</sup> have occurred. The tribe was interested in a technical meeting, perhaps including the BLM, and I thought you were looking at using one or both of the blocks we reserved last week. Did those meetings happen? If not, are they scheduled for this week?

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Thanks!

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